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MOULDED LAWS FOR DOMINION

Sir Percy Sherwood Has Left Imprint on Enforcement Machinery

OTTAWA, Oct. 17. (CP)—In a 40-year career as a police officer Sir Percy Sherwood, former commissioner of Dominion Police, who died in Ottawa this week, did much to mould Canada's present-day law enforcement machinery. He initiated the criminal investigation bureau with its immense library of finger prints now operated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Sir Percy was then commissioner of the Dominion police force with which he served for the greater part of his adult life. The Dominion police are now merged in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In the days when the Mounties were still the "Royal Northwest Mounted" the Dominion force was maintained by the federal government to enforce federal legislation throughout Canada.

Born in Ottawa March 18, 1854, Arthur Percy Sherwood was a son of Edward Sherwood, registrar of Carleton County, and a grandson of Judge L. P. Sherwood of Brockville, Ont. After attending the Ottawa grammar school young Sherwood joined the staff of the Imperial Bank. In 1877 he was appointed deputy sheriff of Carleton county. That was his start in law enforcement.

In 1879 he was appointed chief of police for Ottawa. The national capital was then a small city and the centre of a booming lumber and logging industry. The police force was small and, while law enforcement was a simpler matter than today, it required vigor and vigilance. In Sir Percy's time it was unsafe to send a constable alone into some parts of the city where lumberjacks from the woods were ready to take on all comers. Policemen patrolling that area always went in pairs.

In 1882 he resigned to accept a position as superintendent of Dominion police and assume the responsibility of re-organizing that force. He became commissioner in 1895 and chief commissioner in 1913, retiring in 1918.

Much of the history of Canada rolled by during Sir Percy's service with the Dominion police. His first out-of-town assignment was when the prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, instructed him to deliver personally to the lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories the order for the execution of Louis Riel, half-breed rebel leader convicted of treason at Regina in 1885.

International Investigation
Sir Percy advocated formation of a criminal investigation bureau to operate on a nationwide scale and co-operate with similar bureaux in other countries at the first meeting of the Chief Constables' Association in 1905. He was appointed chairman of the committee to discuss the matter with the minister of justice. The suggestion was approved in 1908 and the bureau was established in 1910.

The bureau since has developed into a valuable agency for keeping track of criminals. The finger print division alone has been responsible for the solution of many crimes.

One of the leading movers in the organization of the Chief Constables' Association, Sir Percy became its president in 1914. He was a charter member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police of the United States and Canada and regularly presented a paper on police activities at the association's annual meeting.

As chief of the Dominion police force Sir Percy twice was responsible for the safety of King George V. on his visits to Canada. In 1901 he made arrangements for the tour of the future King and Queen through Canada when they were Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. For his services then he was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. In 1908 when the royal prince came again, Sir Percy was in charge of arrangements. He was made a member of

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the Royal Victorian Order. On both visits he accompanied the royal party constantly.

During the First Great War, Sir Percy was confronted with the problem of combatting espionage and sabotage in Canada and for his work in this connection he was knighted in 1916.

The capture and conviction of the dynamiters who attempted to destroy the Welland Canal during the Boer War (1899-1900) was due largely to Sir Percy's direction of the police forces. He also worked on the famous West Hastings ballot box case in 1904 when a man involved in election irregularities was sent to prison.

Military Activities

In his youth Sir Percy was active in sport, was one of the best revolver shots in Canada and a crack rifleman. He took a lively interest in militia activities. He made a place on the Canadian Bisley team on several occasions. He commanded the team in 1903 and was president of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association from 1915 to 1919.

Sir Percy commanded the 43rd Regiment from 1898 to 1904 and in 1912 was made honorary lieutenant-colonel. From 1908 to 1911 he commanded the 8th Infantry Brigade. In 1930 he was appointed honorary colonel of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Active in the Boy Scout Association of Canada Sir Percy served as chief commissioner for a number of years.

Rowing was Sir Percy's favorite sport as a youth and he was a member of the senior four team which represented the Ottawa Rowing Club at the rowing meet at Hamilton in 1881.

Sir Percy was married in 1883 to Esther Alberta Slater. There were two sons and three daughters.

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AFTER PROFITEERS
MANCHESTER, Oct. 17. (CP)—In the past eight months, 3,000 complaints of "profiteering," nearly all regard to household goods, have been investigated by a committee for the Prices of Goods Act.

NOTED FLIER MISSING
LONDON, Oct. 17. (CP)—Among the missing in air operations is Wing Commander E. C. T. Edwards, winner of the King's Air Cup in 1931 and hero of a Croydon-Cape Town flight in 1930.

WAS GOOD SAMARITAN



Sewing Machine Needed

In his more than four decades of unceasing medical and social service, Sir Wilfrid Grenfell, who died last week, saw his humane mission expand from a single ship to a chain of hospitals, nursing stations, community centres and schools. His work drew approbation and financial support from Canada, Great Britain and the United States and brought him renown as "the Good Samaritan of Labrador."

Edward VII made him a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1906 and George V advanced him to knighthood as a commander in that order in 1927. Harvard, Williams, Princeton, Middlebury, New York, Bowdoin and Berea in the United States, Toronto and McGill in Canada and Oxford in England gave him honorary degrees and scientific and medical organizations on both sides of the Atlantic voted him into membership.

He was born February 28, 1865, at Parkgate, near Cheshire, England, the son of Algernon and and Georgina Grenfell and was christened Wilfred Thomason. He was educated at Marlborough Boys' School, Oxford University and London Hospital. As an interne he worked to alleviate distress among the poor of London and Sir Frederick Treves, personal physician to Edward VII and one of his medical mentors, helped start him on his missionary work by aiding him in fitting out the first hospital ship in the North Sea of the Royal National Mission.

This work took Grenfell cruising with the fishing fleets from Iceland to the Bay of Biscay. It lasted three years and then he met Sir Francis Hopgood who, in 1917, became Baron Southborough. Hopgood, a distinguished barrister and head of a mission board, had just returned from one of several trips to Newfoundland, knew the need for medical aid there and in Labrador and persuaded Dr. Grenfell to undertake the work. A hospital ship was outfitted and reached the sparsely settled coast in 1892.

Big Organization
At first Grenfell worked only from the ship. He held a ticket as master mariner and navigated the craft up and down the coast. But soon the first store station was established and the work thereafter grew. In 1912 it was incorporated as The International Grenfell Association with members in three nations.

When its guiding spirit retired from active work in 1934 it operated five hospitals, seven nursing stations, two orphanages (two others had burned), 14 industrial centres, four summer schools, three

The local Red Cross rooms could use another sewing machine if any one has one to loan. From twenty-five to fifty more women could also take out refugee garments to be made up at home. The women who are coming to the workrooms every day are doing a wonderful work but it would both assist and encourage them a great deal to see considerably more garments being made at home. Help along this line will be greatly appreciated.

Refugees in Britain
Word has been received of the urgent need of 500,000 garments for women and children for refugees and evacuees in Britain. The high standard of workmanship achieved in the making of hospital supplies should be maintained in this new work. Clothing should not in any way resemble uniforms and every effort should be made to show originality in trimming and detail. All clothing should be as well made and attractive as possible. These things are needed now and include all articles which can best be done by amateur sewers.

80—STILL GIVING STRONG
MANCHESTER, Oct. 17. (CP)—An 80-year-old bachelor has given \$222,500 to the government for the war effort. At the start of the war he gave six ambulances for service in France.

HALF A PRESENT ANYWAY
OSWESTRY, Eng., Oct. 17. (CP)—Absent from court because she was being married, a 20-year-old girl was fined \$4.45 instead of the usual \$5.90 for blackout breach. "A wedding present," the judge remarked.

agricultural stations, 12 clothing distributing centres; four hospital ships, one supply schooner, a dozen community centres, several co-operative stores, a co-operative lumber mill and a haul-up slip for ship repairs. The staff included 60 surgeons, dentists, nurses, teachers and welfare workers. Upwards of a hundred volunteers worked each summer in the various mission stations.

Lady Grenfell, who long shared her husband's labors, was Miss Anna Elizabeth MacClanahan of Chicago. They were married in 1909 and became the parents of two sons and a daughter.

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